A meeting of the local heads of public sector banks in Delhi was convened by the Government on 7-10-85 to discuss the question of strengthening the security arrangements in banks' branches in Delhi. Advice, as below, was reiterated:

(1) to observe weekly off days in branches coinciding with the closing day of the market in the area;

(2) each branch should have an armed security guard;

(3) each bank branch should have a collapsible gate properly chained and locked at the entrance;

(4) there should be self-locking wire meshed cabins for Cashiers;

(5) proper alarm system should be maintained and the alarm should not be feeble but a loud one; and

(6) there should be periodical checking of security arrangements by senior officials of the banks.

Statement

Bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in Delhi so far during the year 1985 as reported by public sector Banks and Delhi Police

(Data Provisional)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank and branch	Date of occurrance	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of persons apprehended
1	State Bank of India (Evening Branch), Greater Kailash, Delhi Circle, Delhi	14-3-85	4·19	..
2	Union Bank of India, Anand Niketan Branch, Delhi	4-3-85	0·45	..
3	Bank of India, New Friends Colony, New Delhi	21-5-85	Nil	..
4	Vijaya Bank, Chandni Chowk, Delhi	4-6-85	Nil	1
5	New Bank of India, Masjid Moth, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi	10-7-85	3·02	..
6	Bank of India, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi	21-8-85	4·19	..
7	Indian Bank, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi	4-10-85	2-88	..

Computerisation of Employment Exchanges

1125. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to computerise the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to consider and introduce computerisation of Employment Exchanges, so that the National Employment Service equips itself to provide high quality of service to the job-seekesr and employers, in keeping with the emerging demands of the development process. A few States and Union Territories have taken steps towards computerisation of Employment Exchange operations on a very selective basic.

A scheme for central assistance to States for this purpose and the details thereof is under consideration.

Abolition of Sales Tax

1126. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 regarding abolition of sales tax on certain commodities and state:

(a) whether the Traders Association of India headed by Shri Gupta has demanded the abolition of sales tax levy;